

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 9/11/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Wayne Hansen (805) 781-4282 Kim Miramon (805) 788-2932	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a renewal contract (Clerk's file) with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$40,000 to provide supportive services to children whose parents are participants in the Dependency Drug Court Program.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign the renewal contract with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$40,000 to provide supportive services to children whose parents are participants in the Dependency Drug Court Program.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Admin	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$40,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$40,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001172		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date __ March 8, 2011 (item A-19)_____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 9/11/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve a renewal contract (Clerk's file) with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$40,000 to provide supportive services to children whose parents are participants in the Dependency Drug Court Program

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign the renewal contract with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$40,000 to provide supportive services to children whose parents are participants in the Dependency Drug Court Program.

DISCUSSION

Many children in this County have been subjected to situations in their lives that involve their parents or caregivers who are addicted to drug and/or alcohol. These situations provide extreme challenges for the child and make it difficult to gain an education in the school systems, as well as understand the situation regarding their parents and the court systems.

The Department was awarded a SAMHSA grant on March 8, 2011 (item A-19) that is focused on Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) and is currently in the second year of the grant period. The services provided by CASA are funded by the CAM grant. Parents of these children are participants in the Dependency Drug Court program and are misdemeanor and felony drug offenders who also have Child Welfare Services cases in San Luis Obispo County.

CASA will continue to provide supportive services for approximately 20 children during the FY 2012-13 contract period. The services include providing educational support that ensures each child has the opportunity to receive the best education possible, acting as an advocate for the children as it relates to the Court System, and providing overall support services that enable the other Agencies involved to work together to reunite the children with their parents when appropriate.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved this contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget includes \$40,000 for the funding for this contract, including the revenue allocated through the CAM grant award. The contract and funding for the activities are at the same amount as provided in FY 2011-12. CASA is comprised of volunteer mentors for the children. The contract provides a .90 FTE for the Advocate Supervisor of the CASA volunteers.

RESULTS

For FY 2011-12, CASA exceed the target number of 20 children and served 24 children. Additionally CASA demonstrated compliance with other performance measurements and requirements of their contract as noted below:

7/1/2011 to 3/31/2012	Top Five Areas of Progress or Outcomes Among Those Referred as a Result of Partnership with CASA Volunteers	Degree of Achievement
1	CASA volunteer will spend time with child or youth at least 3 days a month doing activities the child enjoys.	100%
2	CASA will obtain school records, talk to teachers, caretakers, therapists, physicians depending on age of child.	90%
3	CASA will visit placement at least twice a month and report sufficiency to social worker and court.	100%
4	CASA will investigate medical and dental concerns by records check, child reporting, asking caretakers, etc.	80%
5	CASA will mine child's file for relative and neighbor names, ask child, bring to attention of CWS.	90%

The performance measures for FY 2012-13 will continue as indicated in the initial contract, including providing one-on-one tutoring, incentives, mentoring and activities for 20 children per year who are between the ages of 0 and 18 years of age.

The renewal contract with CASA to provide supportive services to children whose parents are participants in the Dependency Drug Court will continue to help achieve the County's vision of providing a Safe and Healthy Community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Clerk's filed coversheet for CASA contract